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# **Mayor Schor Testifies in Support of Bipartisan Bills Reforming Expungement Process**

**(LANSING)** – Mayor Andy Schor today testified on behalf of the Urban Core Mayors in support of House Bills 4980-4985, that would ultimately reform the expungement process. The Urban Core Mayors represent 13 urban core cities from across the State of Michigan including: Detroit, Pontiac, Dearborn, Flint, Saginaw, Bay City, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Lansing, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

The new legislation would create a better-defined process for expungement, allowing for Lansing residents and citizens across Michigan the opportunity to have a second chance to become productive citizens and set aside low-level convictions from their past.

“The issue of expungement was recently raised at the City of Lansing’s community conversation about gun violence. It was brought up that some of our youth are unable to get jobs due to past misdemeanor convictions,” said Mayor Schor. “I support the introduced legislation and commend the bi-partisan group of legislators that are moving these important reforms. It was my honor to attend the House Judiciary Committee meeting to express my support for this legislation which would bring reform to the expungement process. Many people throughout the state, and right here in Lansing, would greatly benefit from the proposed reforms.”

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